(e) Restriction on import on Danazol could be considered after the country has attained self-sufficiency in this drug.

Import of Diosgenin

1620. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Diosgenin, the basic material required for the production of Steriods and Hormone drugs is only allowed against import licences;

(b) whether it is also a fact that drug intermediates and finished bulk drugs produced from Diosgenin are allowed freely for import under Open General Licence;

(c) what is the justification for inclusion of 16-DPA which is the next intermediate from Diosgenin in the Open General Licence;

(d) whether such a step is a discouragement to indigenous producers of Diosgenin; and

(e) if so, what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The import policy for a drug is determined keeping in view all relevant factors, including its domestic demand, indigenous production, technology, cost of production etc. Restriction on import of these drugs could be considered after the country has attained self-sufficiency in the same.

Import of drugs under OGL

1621. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2731 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs for which huge capacities have been created, capabilities available in the country and actually being produced in enough quantities are being allowed freely under Open General Licence;

(b) if so, the names of such drugs and drug intermediates;

(c) whether it is a fact that import of those drugs and drug intermediates is going up every year;

(d) what are the main criteria on which items are included under Open General Licence;

(e) whether it is a fact that most of the drugs and drug intermediates allowed under Open General Licence are being exported to developed countries;

(f) if so, what are the names of such drugs;

(g) whether Government are taking any steps to restrict the imports of these drugs; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (h) The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Crime rate in Delhi

1622. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the crime rate in Delhi at present vis-a-vis prevailing in other Union Territories and Metropolitan cities; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to have an effective check on crimes in the Capital?

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